

Position Rank and Title: Assistant Professor of History/Social Science Education

School/Department Name: College of Social Sciences/Department of History

Compensation: Commensurate with qualifications, experience, and rank as established by the [CSU Salary Schedule](#). Anticipated hiring academic year annual salary range: \$88,000 - \$92,000.

Faculty employee benefits are very competitive for the higher education sector. See the [CSU Employee Benefits Summary](#) for details about the CSU's excellent benefits package.

Target Start Date: August 2027

Application Deadline: October 8, 2026. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled or closed.

Position Description

The Department of History at San José State University seeks an Assistant Professor of History/Social Science Education. The Social Science Education Program in the College of Social Science (housed in the Department of History) works in tandem with the Teacher Education Program in the College of Education to prepare future secondary school educators to qualify for their single subject teaching credential. The faculty member will work closely with teacher candidates supervising them throughout their credential program student teaching experience to ensure they meet California subject matter requirements and are well-prepared to teach secondary courses in history, ethnic studies, economics, and government.

Key responsibilities of this position include serving as the Social Sciences Subject Area Coordinator for the Single Subject Teacher Credential program facilitating the subject matter competency evaluation, admission, placement, supervision, and advising of all Social Science teacher credential candidates during the various phases of their student teaching. The faculty member will assist in the recruitment, hiring, training, and supervision of university supervisors and mentor teachers. The position also includes teaching core courses in the program including the History/Social Science pedagogical methods course. Applicants with prior experience teaching history/social science at the secondary school level are therefore preferred. Because California history/social science requirements now mandate the teaching of ethnic studies, applicants with research specialty in and/or prior experience teaching ethnic studies are highly encouraged to apply.

The History department is part of the College of Social Sciences, which is committed to equitable and inclusive teaching and learning. The College sees faculty and student success as inextricably linked, and strives to provide culturally-sustaining, and academically-affirming approaches to supporting and engaging students and faculty. We provide opportunities for faculty development around asset-based, holistic student success, and support scholarship of engagement that addresses issues that affect our campus and community. In all of our endeavors, we strive to build leadership capacity and foster a culture of support and belonging for faculty, staff, and students.

The [History Department](#) and [San José State University](#) value institutional excellence and are committed to advancing equity through research, teaching, and service. We enroll more than 40,000 students, many of whom are historically underserved; approximately 45% of our undergraduate students are first-generation college students and 38% are Pell Grant recipients. In addition, we are both a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI). SJSU aspires to create holistic learning environments that facilitate both individual and collective transformation. We seek teacher-scholars who cultivate inclusive, empowering spaces for mutual learning, skill-building, and knowledge exchange for all students. Our commitment to lifelong

learning supports meaningful connections among faculty, staff, students, alumni, and the broader communities we serve.

We invite all applicants to include a Statement of Institutional Excellence (or incorporate it into your cover letter) to share how your lived and professional experiences will contribute to the SJSU community—particularly in relation to student success. A guide to writing this statement can be found at [SJSU Institutional Excellence Statement Guidelines](#).

Required Qualifications

- Ph.D. in History is required.
- Evidence of successful history/social science teaching at the secondary school level and potential for mentoring credential candidates at the university level.
- Knowledge of the latest developments in History/Social Science secondary education and of California's new ethnic studies requirement.
- Demonstration of research potential and an established agenda for future research.
- Awareness of and sensitivity to the educational goals of a socially and economically diverse student population as might have been gained in cross-cultural study, training, teaching, and other comparable experience.

Preferred Qualifications

Priority will be given to candidates who possess one or more of the following:

- Prior teaching experience and record of teaching excellence.
- Evidence of service preferably working with teacher candidates and mentor teachers.
- Research speciality in and/or prior experience teaching ethnic studies.

Key Responsibilities

- Teach core courses in the Social Science Education (SSED) credential program including SSED 378: Social Science Methods and SSED 184Y and SSED 184Z: Student Teaching I and II.
- Serve as the Social Sciences Subject Area Coordinator for the Single Subject Teacher Credential program facilitating the subject matter competency evaluation, admission, placement, supervision, and advising of all Social Science teacher credential candidates.
- Assist in the recruitment, hiring, training, and supervision of university supervisors and mentor teachers.
- Maintain an active scholarly agenda and the successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the advancement of the discipline, through peer-reviewed scholarship and professional activities.
- Participate in shared governance, usually in department, college, and university committees and other service assignments.
- Demonstrate awareness and experience understanding the needs of a student population of great diversity – in age, abilities, cultural background, ethnicity, religion, economic background, primary language, sexual orientation, gender identity, and academic preparation – through inclusive course materials, teaching strategies and advisement.

Other Duties

Note that all San José State University employees are considered mandated reporters under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and are required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment. Pursuant to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) and CSU systemwide policy, some faculty duties may lead to designation as a Campus Security Authority (CSA). CSAs are required to complete Clery Act training and to immediately report Clery incidents to the institution.

Faculty employees must complete CSU employee training as assigned and required based on their role (e.g., Data Security, FERPA, Preventing Discrimination and Harassment, Title IX, Health and Safety). The President may recommend or require compliance with safety measures that decrease the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission or illness and allows the core mission and activities of the campus to continue.

Application Procedure

Select *Apply Now* to complete the SJSU Online Employment Application and attach the following documents:

- letter of interest
- curriculum vitae
- [institutional excellence statement](#) (dedicated statement or addressed in letter of interest)
- statement of teaching experience and philosophy
- statement of research plan
- proposed syllabi for a history/social science methods course
- three letters of reference with contact information

Inquiries may be directed to the Department Chair or Search Committee Chair: Dr. Wendy Rouse, wendy.rouse@sjsu.edu

Conditional Offer

The work for this faculty position is located in the State of California and requires commuting to the campus. Employment is contingent upon US residence and proof of eligibility to work in the United States. Satisfactory completion of a background check (including a criminal records check) is required for employment. SJSU will make a conditional offer of employment, which may be rescinded if the background check reveals disqualifying information, and/or it is discovered that the candidate knowingly withheld or falsified information. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the continued employment of a current employee who was conditionally offered the position.

San José State University: Silicon Valley's Public University

Located in the heart of Silicon Valley — one of the most innovative regions in the world — [San José State University](#) is the founding campus of the 23-campus California State University (CSU) system and the first public university in the West. Recognized as a leading transformative educational institution, San José State is an essential partner in the technological, economic, cultural, and social development of Silicon Valley, the Bay Area, and California. SJSU is a top-200 school nationally in research funding and second highest in research productivity in the CSU system. Cutting-edge research, world-class scholarship, student-centered learning, diverse communities, and commitment to social justice, allow SJSU to provide life-changing opportunities and advance the public good locally and globally.

Equal Employment Statement

San José State University prohibits discrimination on the basis of Age, Ancestry, Caste, Color, Disability, Ethnicity, Gender, Gender Expression, Gender Identity, Genetic Information, Marital Status, Medical Condition, Military Status, Nationality, Race, Religion, Religious Creed, Sex, Sexual Orientation, Sex Stereotype, and Veteran Status. This policy applies to all San José State University students, faculty, and staff as well as University programs and activities. Reasonable accommodations are made for applicants with disabilities who self-disclose.

Campus Security and Fire Safety Notification

Pursuant to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, the Annual Security Report (ASR) is also now available for viewing at <https://www.sjsu.edu/clery/docs/SJSU-Annual-Security-Report.pdf>. The ASR contains the current security and safety-related policy statements, emergency preparedness and evacuation information, crime prevention and Sexual Assault prevention information, and information about drug and alcohol prevention programming. The ASR also contains statistics of Clery crimes for San José State University locations for the three most recent calendar years. A paper copy of the ASR is available upon request by contacting the Office of the Clery Director by phone at 408-924-1501 or by email at clerycompliance@sjsu.edu.

Pursuant to the Higher Education Opportunity Act, the Annual Fire Safety Report (AFSR) is available at <https://www.sjsu.edu/clery/docs/SJSU-Annual-Fire-Safety-Report.pdf>. The purpose of this report is to disclose statistics for fires that occurred within SJSU on-campus housing facilities for the three most recent calendar years, and to distribute fire safety policies and procedures intended to promote safety on Campus. A paper copy of the AFSR is available upon request by contacting the Housing Office by phone at 408-795-5600 or by email at uhs-frontdesk@sjsu.edu.